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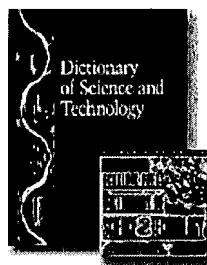
autoclave *Engineering.* an airtight steel vessel that heats substances under high pressure; used for chemical manufacturing and industrial processing. *Medicine.* 1. a machine that sterilizes instruments with pressurized steam. a machine that sterilizes instruments with pressurized steam. 2. to sterilize in an autoclave. to sterilize in an autoclave.

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